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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 Debra Morales Ruiz, et al.,
10 Plaintiffs,
11 v.
12 County of Maricopa, et al.,
13 Defendants.
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No. CV-23-2482-PHX-SRB (DMF)

ORDER

15 This matter is before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion to Extend Time to Serve
16 Defendants Espinosa With Process, and To Do So Via Publication (Doc. 25). Plaintiffs
17 request a 45-day extension of time to serve Defendants Jorge Espinosa Jr. and Jane Doe
18 Espinosa and to be permitted to do so via publication (*Id.*). A response is not necessary for
19 the Court to rule.

20 After review of the record and applicable law, the Court will extend the time for
21 service of Defendants Jorge Espinosa Jr. and Jane Doe Espinosa; the Court will extend the
22 time for a longer period than requested by Plaintiffs so that personal or other alternative
23 service may be further attempted before service by publication. This longer period will
24 allow Plaintiffs to make additional reasonable efforts to locate Defendants Jorge Espinosa
25 Jr. and Jane Doe Espinosa for personal or other alternative service, including efforts to
26 obtain location information and other better identifying information from the served
27 defendants in this matter. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(e)(1) ("Unless federal law provides
28 otherwise, an individual . . . may be served in a judicial district of the United States by:

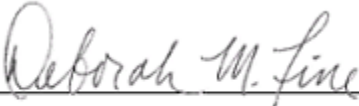
1 following state law for serving a summons in an action brought in courts of general
2 jurisdiction in the state where the district court is located or where service is made. . .”);
3 Ariz. R. Civ. P. 4.1; Ariz. R. Civ. P. 4.2. If Court intervention is needed for last known
4 address and other better identifying/locating information to be provided by appearing
5 Defendants’ counsel to Plaintiffs’ counsel (such as an authorization for some early, limited
6 discovery to take place), then a motion for such should be filed with the Court. If Plaintiffs
7 later again choose to move for service by publication of Defendants Jorge Espinosa Jr. and
8 Jane Doe Espinosa, more particular information about efforts to locate Defendants Jorge
9 Espinosa Jr. and Jane Doe Espinosa for service would be helpful.

10 Accordingly, and upon good cause shown,

11 **IT IS ORDERED** granting in part Plaintiffs’ Motion to Extend Time to Serve
12 Defendants Espinosa With Process, and To Do So Via Publication (Doc. 25) as set forth
13 herein and otherwise denying the motion without prejudice.

14 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** allowing Plaintiffs up to and including an additional
15 **one-hundred twenty (120) days from the entry of this Order** within which to serve
16 Defendant Jorge Espinosa Jr. and Defendant Jane Doe Espinosa with process.

17 Dated this 30th day of May, 2024.

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21 Honorable Deborah M. Fine
22 United States Magistrate Judge
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